



Cooperative Extension Service
St. Bernard Parish
8201 W. Judge Perez Drive
Chalmette, LA 70043
504-278-4234

4-H Pet Show

Saturday, October 11, 2008

Paul Noel Gymn, 210 East Moreau Street
Located behind the School Board Office

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Registration and Judging
11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Best Dressed Pet Judging
11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Educational Clinic about Pets
11:45 a.m.	Awards

The purpose of the Pet Show is for 4-H members to learn to be responsible pet owners. For this reason the 4-H member, not the pet, will be judged. The 4-Her will be judged on how well they take care of their pets and how much they know about their pets (see other side of this page for sample questions). The pet will be judged only on how well it is cared for (see other side of this page).

PET CATEGORIES

1. Small Dogs (0-20 pounds)
2. Medium Dogs (21-40 pounds)
3. Large Dogs (over 40 pounds)
4. Cats
5. Birds
6. Fish, Amphibians & Reptiles
7. Rabbits, Guinea Pigs, Mice, Hamsters, Gerbils and other rodents
8. Unusual Pet (may be any domestic pet, not listed in any other category. No animals found in the wild are permitted. (Example: alligators, squirrels, raccoons)

Rules for the Pet Show

1. Parents must remain at the Pet Show to chaperone their 4-H'er and pets.
2. All pets must be under the 4-H members' control at all times.
 - Please bring only animals which you can easily control because your pet will be around other animals and people. **Do not bring aggressive pets.**
 - All pets must be on a secure leash, in a cage, in a box, or in a fish bowl.
3. Each 4-H member may bring only one (1) pet.
 - The only exceptions to this rule are fish sharing the same bowl and birds sharing the same cage.
 - Brothers and sisters may bring the same pet as long as they both help care for the pet at home.
4. Dogs and cats should be 6 months of age or older.
 - Dogs and cats must have on a rabies collar and be up to date on all their shots.
5. Only the contestant and his or her pet will be allowed in the judging area.
6. All contestants must clean up after their pets.
7. No obedience or tricks will be required.

Pet Show Scorecard

- I. Owner 60
- A. Questions about the care of the pet.
 - 1. What kind of food do you feed your pet? Why? How often?
 - 2. How often should your pet be bathed?
 - 3. Is it important to take care of your pets' teeth? How?
 - 4. Explain where your pet is living.
 - 5. Is your pet warm-blooded or cold-blooded?
 - B. Questions about the health of the pet.
 - 1. Should your pet be vaccinated? If so, how often? Against what diseases? At what age should your pet receive its first vaccination?
 - 2. Is your pet on heartworm medication? Why or why not?
 - 3. What external parasites can your pet get?
 - 4. What internal parasites can your pet get?
 - 5. What is the #1 killer of your type of pet?
 - 6. Do you have an evacuation plan for your pet?
- II. General Health and Appearance of the Pet40
- A. Seems to be in healthy condition
 - B. Is free of parasites
 - C. Pet is free of any obvious diseases or illness
 - D. Pet is not fat from over-eating
 - E. The pet seems to be content and healthy
 - F. Animal is clean and has a good appearance
 - G. The animal's cage or surroundings are neat and clean.

Contact your local veterinarian for information regarding pet care.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

DR. DON DUPLANTIER AND HIS STAFF FOR ASSISTING WITH THE PET SHOW

**ST. BERNARD VETERINARY HOSPITAL
9121 W. JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE
CHALMETTE, LA 70043
(504) 277-0141**